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A. PROPOSED TITLE: *Revitalizing Inner-city African American neighborhoods:*

*Some Community Development Lessons.*

B. ABSTRACT

In spite of community development revitalization efforts in many inner-city African American neighborhoods, it has consistently displaced and/or marginalized the most intended benefactors – the distressed residents and businesses. Although some of these businesses and residents are initial benefactors of the varied community development programs, ultimately, most relocate outside the community because the coming of the creative and “moneyed” class, among other reasons. This process has been repeated in many cities throughout the country. What lessons are there for inner-city African American neighborhoods community development? The presentation will examine why the physical and social development of the community has not in the long-term benefited these distressed stakeholder population.

C. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- a. To better understand what works in contemporary community development practices in inner city African American communities.
- b. To know the elements of inner city African American communities that have been maintained, and if they are reflective of the community’s needs.

- c. To understand the degree or extent to which community developers try to accommodate the needs of distressed community stakeholders and the ways.

*D.*        PROPOSER

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